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Homeowners Assistance Program deadline nears for Fort Polk, La.

The deadline for applying for the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP) approved for Fort Polk, La., is Dec. 31, 1999, officials of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today.

The HAP was approved for Fort Polk on Oct. 11, 1996, as a result of the adverse impact on the local real estate market caused by the base realignment, which was announced Dec. 8, 1994. A second announcement date of Dec. 1, 1995, was established later which required all accompanied personnel reporting for duty to live in base housing.

HAP is a special relief program to provide financial assistance to eligible civilian and military homeowners. The program is available for persons who were unable to dispose of their dwellings under reasonable terms and conditions when the real estate market was adversely affected by closure or partial closure of a military installation or a reduction in scope of operations.

All military, permanent federal civilian and non-appropriated fund employee homeowners stationed or employed at or near Fort Polk may be eligible for assistance if they owned a home in Vernon and Beauregard Parishes prior to the announcement dates and have recently departed from the area, or if they plan to leave the area prior to Dec. 31, 1999.

HAP offers three types of benefits: reimbursement for losses sustained in selling a home on the open market; government acquisition of the home if reasonable efforts to sell are unsuccessful; and reimbursement for foreclosure expenses.

Applications for HAP or additional information concerning the program may be obtained from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, at 1-888-231-7751.